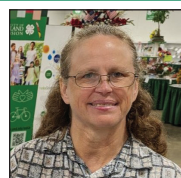




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Perspectives of Josué Salmerón, Greenbelt's New City Manager

by Lois Rosado

Now three months on the job, City Manager Josué Salmerón has been listening to community residents, city staff and department heads to learn how the city works, the Greenbelt way. He shared with the News Review some of the big topics facing the city and some of what he's learned in his first few weeks.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Josué Salmerón speaks at the city manager meet and greet on September 12.

family, who were referred to CARES for follow-up assistance. Salmerón commended the officer and was glad for the special training instituted by Chief Richard Bowers.

He also noted that crime trend spikes are disturbing and, given current laws in place, the city has to find a balance between public safety and enforcement, family development and the community's need for a safe city. In addition to the local populace, the Police Department

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Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket Shares News, Financial Outlook

by Erik Hanson

On the morning of Saturday, November 4, members of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, also known as the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket (GCS), gathered in the Community Center gym for their annual membership meeting. Over 100 members were offered drinks, snacks and other products from the Co-op and its vendors.

Members heard reports from Treasurer Amy Drew, General Manager Dan Gillotte and President Bill Jones. They saw the Jim Cassels award presented to Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness. They took part in a problem-solving exercise and elected three board members, two of whom are continuing and one who is new to the board. The board and general manager then answered member questions.

Drew, Jones and board mem-

bers Kim Kash, Sarah Rusk, Steven Bernheisel and Joe Timer presided over the meeting.

New Deal Café

A concern of many was GCS's relationship with the New Deal Café, which came up several times throughout the meeting. GCS signed a two-year contract to run the food and beverage service at the Café in June of 2021 in exchange for a share of the profits. Over two years on, no profits have been earned, although Drew noted that losses have recently been getting smaller. Gillotte said being able to utilize the Café's kitchen for some deli preparations has been a benefit to GCS. In June 2023, GCS agreed to a six-month extension, but with the Café picking up the rent. A decision about GCS's involvement with the Café going forward will be made at its



PHOTO BY ERIK HANSON

Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket board at the membership meeting

Election 2023

First Woman of Color and New Majority-Woman Council Elected

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY DANIELLE TOWERS

A small crowd, primarily comprised of council candidates and campaign staff and supporters, had a long, eager wait for results on Tuesday night.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday night, after a protracted wait for results, the winners of the race for Greenbelt city council were announced. It will include two new members, both women – Danielle McKin-

ney and Jennifer Pompei – making for a majority-woman council. All incumbents maintained their seats, with Emmett Jordan and Kristin Weaver likely to retain their position of mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively, and Rodney Roberts, Silke Pope and Ric Gordon also holding their seats.

It has been several decades since an incumbent lost their seat in a city council election and while no incumbent was displaced this time, the newly-elected challengers both garnered more votes than some of them (Pompi was the fourth highest vote-getter and

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Committee Celebrates 20 Years Of Protecting the Forest Preserve

by Melissa Sites, Kristi Fletcher and Susan Barnett



PHOTO BY HEATHER ETTUS

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board with Susan Barnett, from left, Owen Kelley, Bryan Bruns, Damien Ossi, Donna Hoffmeister, Barnett and Thomas Doggett

October 27 marked the 20th anniversary of Greenbelt City Council's passage of an ordinance to protect the remaining 225 acres of original 800-acre forested Green Belt for which the town was named. On Sunday, October 29, the Committee to Celebrate the Greenbelt Forest Preserve (Susan Barnett, Jean Newcomb and Kristi Fletcher) hosted a well-attended and lively celebration at the New Deal Café, which brought together dozens of people who have fought side-by-side over the years to protect

Greenbelt's Great North Woods. Mayor Emmett Jordan read a proclamation, and several city councilmembers were present to show their support, including Konrad Herling (Master of Ceremonies), Ric Gordon, Silke Pope, Rodney Roberts and Kristen Weaver. Also present were former councilmember Ed Putens, a key proponent of the idea to create the Forest Preserve, and Celia Craze, former director of Planning and Community

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What Goes On

Monday, November 13
7 p.m., Organizational Meeting of 45th City Council;
7:30 p.m., Charter Meeting of 45th City Council, Municipal Building
Wednesday, November 15
7 p.m., Buddy Attick Park Master Plan Community Meeting, Municipal Building
See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Haiku, Anyone?

The News Review invites readers to write and submit a Thanksgiving-themed haiku for publication in the November 23 issue of the paper. Tell us what you are thankful for or what you like about this time of year. The News Review’s 86th birthday is the day after Thanksgiving – on November 24 – so you could use the paper as a theme too, or, instead.

Submit your haiku(s) by email to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com no later than Sunday, November 19, putting ‘haiku’ on the subject line. Entries must follow the three-line format for haiku: first line five syllables, second line seven syllables and third line five syllables. Be sure to also include the poet’s name. Have fun!



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMPANILE

Residents of 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill are ready with their brand of All Hallows’ Eve for trick-or-treaters.



On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Anatomy of a Fall

For the past year, Sandra, her husband Samuel and their 11-year-old son Daniel have lived a secluded life in a remote town in the French Alps. When Samuel is found dead in the snow below their chalet, the police question whether he was murdered or committed suicide. Samuel’s suspicious death is presumed murder, and Sandra becomes the main suspect. What follows is not just an investigation into the circumstances of Samuel’s death but an unsettling psychological journey into the depths of Sandra and Samuel’s conflicted relationship.

Rustin

Bayard Rustin, the architect of 1963’s momentous March on Washington, was one of the greatest activists and organizers the world has ever known. He challenged authority, never apologized for who he was, what he believed or whom he desired. And he did not back down. He made history, and in turn, he was forgotten. Directed by DGA Award and five-time Tony Award winner George C. Wolfe and starring Emmy Award winner Colman Domingo, Rustin shines a long overdue spotlight on the extraordinary man who, alongside giants like the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and Ella Baker, dared to imagine a different world, and inspired a movement in a march toward freedom.

Priscilla

When teenage Priscilla Beaulieu meets Elvis Presley at a party, the man who is already a meteoric rock-and-roll superstar becomes someone entirely unexpected in private moments: a thrilling crush, an ally in loneliness, a vulnerable best friend. Through Priscilla’s eyes, Director Sofia Coppola tells the unseen side of a great American myth in Elvis and Priscilla’s long courtship and turbulent marriage, from a German Army base to his dream-world estate at Graceland, in this deeply felt and ravishingly detailed portrait of love, fantasy and fame.

The Flying Ace

When a war hero returns to his former job as a railroad company detective, he must capture a gang of railroad thieves and recover \$25,000 of company cash.

Says Nathanael Hood of Unseen Films: “Advertised as ‘the greatest airplane thriller ever filmed,’ it also liberally borrows from detective thrillers, slapstick comedy and romantic melodrama.”

Goodfellas

A young man grows up in the mob and works very hard to advance himself through the ranks in this Martin Scorsese film. He enjoys his life of money and luxury, but is oblivious to the horror that he causes. A drug addiction and a few mistakes ultimately unravel his climb to the top. Starring Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci, Lorraine Bracco and Paul Sorvino. Based on the book Wiseguy by Nicholas Pileggi.



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OC = Open Captions
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DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
NOVEMBER 10th - 16th

Anatomy of a Fall (R) (CC)
(DVS) (2023) (150 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 12:15 PM
Sun. 4:00 PM
Mon. 3:30 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 4:45 PM
Sat. 3:00 PM
Sun. 5:45 PM
Mon. 1:15 PM (OC)
Tues. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

Rustin (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)
(2023) (99 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sat. 3:30 PM
Tues. 7:30 PM
Wed. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:00 PM
Sat. 12:30 PM
Sun. 12:45 PM, 3:15 PM (OC)
Mon. 4:30 PM

Priscilla (R) (CC) (DVS)
(2023) (110 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 7:30 PM
Mon. 1:00 PM (OC)
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Wed. 8:15 PM

The Flying Ace (NR) (1926)
(65 mins)
with live music
accompaniment by
Andrew Earle Simpson
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 1:00 PM

Goodfellas (R) (CC) (DVS)
(1990) (146 mins)
Cult Classic!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 8:00 PM

"Next year, I'm planting evergreen trees."

- Izzy Parker, News Review, November 14, 2002

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.
GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

Greenbelt Writers Group

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, November 17 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. All Greenbelt writers are invited to attend. Those who wish may read a brief piece that they have written. For more information, contact Barbara Ford at barbara.ford@verizon.net.



Revolutionary Self-Care

René Hood, Maryland licensed therapist and yoga instructor, will lead Bloom with Intention: Yoga, Meditation, Flow at The SPACE: Free Art For All. Families are welcome for ages 8+ with caregiver. Classes are free; RSVP is recommended via the website, FreeArtForAll.org or on Facebook. Yoga, meditation, movement and hula hooping will help participants reconnect with their bodies and find peace within the moment.

Classes will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m., twice a month from November 18, December 9 and onward. Yoga mats will be provided and stored for convenience. At the end of 12 weeks, participants will be gifted their mat, along with a graduation ceremony and other gifts. Free Expressive Art classes will occur on alternating Saturdays from November 25, December 16 and December 30, 2 to 4 p.m.

Additionally there is an ongoing Capoeira program on Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. See FreeArtForAll.org to learn more. The SPACE: Free Art For All is located at 6000 Greenbelt Road, Suite 13, in Beltway Plaza across from the AMC Theatre.

Français, s'il vous plaît: French at the Café

A French conversation group meets at the New Deal Café on Thursdays at 6 p.m. All levels and ages welcome.

Scouting for Food

On Saturday, November 11, Pack 202 Cub Scouts will be Scouting for Food and collecting nonperishable food items to donate to the food pantry at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church. Last week, scouts placed notes on doors in some Greenbelt neighborhoods, letting them know they would return for porch pickups of food donations on November 11. Whether or not you received a note on your door, you are invited to drop off nonperishable food donations in the St. Hugh parking lot on Fieldhouse Road (near the red playground), between 10 and 11 a.m. this Saturday. Email Greenbeltpack202@gmail.com with any questions.

Autumn Amble Saturday On GHI Woodlands Trails

All are invited to join a walk Saturday, November 11 starting at 9 a.m. on trails in the GHI Woodlands and adjoining areas of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Meet at Canyon Creek Trailhead, between 58 and 62 Ridge Road. Participants will walk trail loops on Laurel Hill and around Plateau Place, about one mile each. They'll take along tools and may do some light maintenance such as removing fallen branches and leaves that obstruct the trail and trail drainage, as well as identifying needs for future maintenance. A bonus walk is offered afterwards for those interested in checking out the trails in Parcel X (connecting to the tunnel under Hillside Road to the Firefly Sanctuary) and Parcel W (west of Research Road). This walk is sponsored by the GHI Woodlands Committee. For more information, email BryanBruns@yahoo.com. Trails are shown on Open Street Map: osm.org/go/ZZc3ZbhQ.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

PORCH Makes Giving Easy: On the Doorstep

Participation in Greenbelt PORCH at any level in any way makes "neighbors helping neighbors" possible all year long. As the holidays draw near, many families struggle to put dinner on their tables while others seek to ramp up their giving. The year-round opportunity provided by RUAK and PORCH continues to collect donations of nonperishable food items and hygiene products for Greenbelt's interfaith food pantry throughout November.

Upcoming collection dates:
Saturday, November 11, by 11 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Sunday, November 12, by 11 a.m. for 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent, 1-2 Courts Westway.

Sunday, November 19, by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (email RobertGoldberg-Strassler@noon.com on November 19 at spreadruak@gmail.com; he will come to any porch); by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Sunday, November 26, by 4 p.m. for 9, 11, 12 and 13 Courts Ridge Road.

Leave donations by the front door marked RUAK or PORCH, visible from the street. Make sure donated items have not passed their expiration date. A RUAK volunteer (that is, a neighbor) will come by and collect the donations and take them to St. Hugh's.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome, particularly in Greenbelt East. Anyone with questions or who is interested in volunteering with PORCH or starting a monthly food collection in a new neighborhood, email Goldberg-Strassler@spreadruak@gmail.com.



Fire Dept. Bake Sale

Members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary are baking up a storm. They invite friends and neighbors to show their support on Sunday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by buying home-made baked items at their table on the Co-op Supermarket ramp.



Greenbelt MakerSpace Sewing Machine Class

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is offering a sewing machine class on Sunday, November 19 at 1 p.m. in the Granite Building. Learn how to use a sewing machine. There will be some sewing machines available to use but bring your own for more individualized instruction. Participants are welcome to bring their own projects to receive help with them. There is a fee requested. Sewing machines (and other things) can be borrowed from the MakerSpace tool library, open Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon and Sundays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit tools.greenbeltmakers.org for more information and registration.

Greenbelt Chess Club

Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on the following dates: November 13, 20 and 27 at the New Deal Café, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. For more details, call Effie at 443-415-1053.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, November 11 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Saturn, Jupiter and deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome and there is no charge. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own telescopes to set up on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 6 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



Thanksgiving Food Box Giveaway, Nov. 20

CARES has partnered with Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Watson for this year's free Thanksgiving District 4 Community Partner Food Giveaway. The event will take place on Monday, November 20, starting at 10 a.m., at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

To RSVP, contact Brendy Garcia at 240-424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

For more information, contact Bria Archie at 301-952-3094 or email BAArchie@co.pg.md.us.

Free Concert!
Sunday, November 19
3pm at the
Community Center

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Music & Drama Club presents:

A Little Night Music

November 3 - 17
at the Barney & Bea
Recreation Center

Tickets must be bought in advance.
Visit www.madtheater.org

by Stephen Sondheim

Greenbelt Access Television
Nov. 11, Sat - Nov. 17, Fri
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(School Programming on Your Cable Guide)
Streaming on www.greenbeltaccessstv.org

THIS WEEK on GATe • Your Community Access Station
Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
A Matter of Life and Death (1946)

Considered by many to be one of the greatest films of all time! A British fantasy-romance film, starring David Niven and Kim Hunter, set in England during World War II.

New This Month
TeaFairy & Friends Storytime Adventures - Empowering Kids!
Episode 8 of the new season features two stories that, literally, illustrate just how great it is to be a kid. Plus: show-and-tell, a follow-along craft, and an exclusive stunts video!

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

NDC is seeking an experienced restaurateur to fully run our cafe's operation. Go to our home page, NewDealCafe.com, for more information.

This Week at the New Deal Café

SUPPORT Greenbelt's only venue with BOTH dinner AND a show!

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TH 11/09	FRI 11/10	SAT 11/11	SUN 11/12	
Susan Jones Jazz Quartet 7-9pm A violin-led jazz group with eclectic mix of originals and standards	PIANO STYLINGS OF PETER REPPERT, 6-7:30P Friends of Pluto 8-11pm One of DC's hottest cover bands	Billy Coulter Band 8-11pm Inspired, organic and original music	DEAF BRUNCH, 10:30a-12noon THE NIGHTHAWKS 6-8pm A DC legend graces the New Deal stage for a night to remember!	
MON 11/13	TUES 11/14	WED 11/15	TH 11/16	SPECIALS!
MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT 4-9pm CHESS CLUB 6-8pm	Open Mic with Tom Gleason 7-9:30pm SIGN UP AT 6:30pm EXPRESS YOURSELF!	PUB QUIZ 7-9pm Form a team. Test Your Knowledge!	The Polecasi Slide Experience 7-9pm Funky soulful blues band	HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm \$1 OFF BEER AND WINE WINE WEDNESDAY \$1 OFF PER GLASS \$5 OFF A BOTTLE

Join or renew your membership. Go to www.newdealcafe.com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."
* For more information on these and other events, visit the NDC **CALENDAR** page on our website.
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Mishkan Torah Donations



Mishkan Torah members Andrea Weiss, left, and John Green pose with bags of collected donations.



A Mishkan Torah employee shows off the donated food.

Last month, over the Jewish holiday season, Mishkan Torah was able to donate 40 bags of food to the St. Hugh Food Pantry. Greenbelt neighbors of all faiths (or none!) are urged to join in supporting this needed resource for community members who face food insecurity.

- Photos by Janice Wolf

City Notes

Economic Development notified Business Improvement Recovery Fund Award recipients and assisted a new Greenbelt business.

Recreation facilities hosted early voting and the social services of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program and Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK). The Community Center accommodated CARES, Interfaith Leadership, Concert Band, Community Orchestra, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Advisory Planning Board and 14 rentals. Museum staff and Black History and Culture Committee members collaborated on a display case installation and 11 visitors toured the Museum.

Aquatic & Fitness Center staff and Public Information created a message board for the fitness wing. The fully-booked Artful Afternoon workshop welcomed 80 participants.

Park rangers patrolled random Halloween activity, accompanied a senior walking event and informed an unpermitted business operator.

CARES presented workforce development training at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Public Works provided 136 Greenbelt Connection rides and Street Maintenance installed voting signage. Refuse and Recycling collected 26.08 tons of refuse and 9.81 tons of recyclables.

The Animal Shelter hosts eight cats, nine kittens, six dogs and a rabbit.

Mishkan Torah Invites All to Sunday @ MT

Mishkan Torah invites Greenbelters to join their community for Sunday @ MT on November 12 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will offer a lesson in making blintzes, a current events discussion, a kids' playgroup, and bagels and coffee. All are welcome to join this free event to get to know the Mishkan Torah community in a casual, fun setting. Registration is required for non-members. Visit the website at MishkanTorah.org to register.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



"Material advancement has been evident in the world, but there is need of spiritual advancement in like proportion."

- 'Abdu'l-Bahá



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November 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm

Showing Up For Life

Anne Hoover, Carol Boston, Carol Carter Walker, Jacqui Walpole, Lula Beatty

The Worship Associates have used some of the mantras of Penny O'Brien's life for the traditional WA Auction Service she won in 2022. The topic was chosen by her daughter Kathi Yu.

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at:
University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)

301-474-9410

Pastor Evelyn Romero

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Come as you are



The Bible Says...

The Ten Commandments

#10-You Shall Not Covet

(Covet-Not Being Content With What You Have)

Exodus 20:17



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services

10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
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MCFcc.org

Greenbelt Community Church
One Hillside Road



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and Church School

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- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am*, Sat 9am*
- Sunday Mass:
 - Sat vigil 5pm*
 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
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Masks for the unvaccinated encouraged.

*Live streamed on Facebook and available on our YouTube page later.

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 6 - 10

Thursday, November 9 at 7 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD - ZOOM ONLY**

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 13 - 17

Monday, November 13 at 7 pm, **SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF 45TH GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, November 13 at 7:30 pm, **CHARTER MEETING**

Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes, Discuss Possible Extra Tree Canopy Grant Application Period, Adjourn*

Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of September Minutes, October Art Open House: Feedback from GAC, FONDCA, Greenbelt Cinema, Public Art*

Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION**, *On the Agenda: Agenda/Minutes Review; Subcommittee Updates: Facilitation, Educational, Historical Exploration, Joint (Educational and Historical Exploration) Subcommittees; Executive Committee Update*

Wednesday, November 15, **NO MEETING - NLC CITY SUMMIT CONFERENCE (ATLANTA, GA)**

Wednesday, November 15 at 7 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Wednesday, November 15 at 7 pm, **BUDDY ATTICK PARK MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023, in the Library of the Municipal Building at 7 pm to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the assignment of Council.

*** The public may attend the Special Meeting prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, November 13, 2023.**

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge this fall: Emergency Diaper Program, Family and Unpaid Caregiver Resource Fair, Alzheimer's Awareness Month Webinar Series, Coffee & Conversations, two Free Produce Distribution events, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Older Adults webinar, Staying Strong webinar, and more.

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms.

2023 GOBBLE WOBBLE

**2023 GOBBLE WOBBLE 5K FAMILY RUN & WALK
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9 AM
GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER**

Join us for the Gobble Wobble Family Fun Run & Walk, a Thanksgiving morning community tradition. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Participants meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the course takes them on the Buddy Attick Park lake path. Get some exercise before your Thanksgiving feast!

- Participants receive a Gobble Wobble t-shirt!
- Medals for top finishers.
- Medals for youth participants.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION PRICING: Individual: \$20; Family 4-Pack: \$70
ONLINE REGISTRATION ENDS NOVEMBER 22 at 5 pm
REGISTER AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV/GOBBLEWOBBLE

Day of Race (8 - 8:45 am) Pricing: Individual: \$25; Family 4-Pack: \$90

Race Packet Pick-Up is Wednesday, November 22, 9 am - 8 pm, at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

For registration assistance, please call (301) 397-2200.

Contact: Andrew Phelan at aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2194.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans' Day.
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 6
Monday Route – Collected Monday
Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Thursday Route – Collected Thursday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 10.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Community Center: 2 pm, Community Center, Ground Floor East.

Contact: bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

PLEASE NOTE THE DISTRIBUTION STARTS AT 2PM THIS MONTH.

MEDICAL DONATIONS NEEDED

Wednesday, November 15, 11 am - 1 pm, Community Center GFE

Have any medical gear gathering cobwebs? Seeking wheelchairs, walkers, bedside commodes, shower chairs, or any other gear. Donations Needed A donation drive-thru drop-off event for durable medical equipment.

Contact Dominique Kheav at dkheav@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 615-1225.



NOVEMBER EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM

Greenbelt CARES is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Please note that you must sign-up each month and the date & time will be provided after signing-up.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

For more information call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.



**HOLIDAY FOOD BOX
NOVEMBER 20, AT 10 AM
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER**

Greenbelt CARES has teamed up with Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid S. Watson to present this year's November Holiday Food Box! This giveaway will happen to the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Registration is now open. To register, call (240) 424-0302 or email Brendy Garcia at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov. For more information, contact Bria Archie via email at BAArchie@co.pg.md.us or call (301) 952-3094.



A December Holiday Food Box will be open for registration on December 1!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR, HOLIDAY INN GREENBELT

Thank you to the **Holiday Inn Greenbelt** for their generous donation towards **GAIL's holiday programming for families.**

To find out how you can help, contact Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.



LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE | FALL 2023-2024

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 30, 2023 until January 2024. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents NOT to park in front of leaf piles.

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3

Lakeside,
Greenspring I & II

NOVEMBER 6 - 9

Boxwood

NOVEMBER 13 - 17

Woodland Hills

NOVEMBER 20 - 22

Lakewood

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

Lakeside,
Greenspring I & II

DECEMBER 4 - 8

Boxwood

DECEMBER 11 - 15

Woodland Hills

DECEMBER 18 - 22

Lakewood,
Greenspring I & II

DECEMBER 26 - 29

Lakeside

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

Dates & Deadlines for 2023 City Council Elections

Charter meeting for swearing-in (7:30 pm)

11/13

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK MASTER PLAN MEETING November 15 at 7 PM

*Council Chambers,
Municipal Building*

Agenda: Survey results, park analysis/assessment, concept approaches, public feedback.

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BAPMP

BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE

Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag bill aims to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system.

The Bring Your Own Bag Bill will prohibit a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and can charge at least 10 cents for each paper bag provided to a customer at the point of sale.

For more information on this bill, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BOYOBO.



GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS

Applications Rolling Through December 29, 2023

To better assist Greenbelt individuals, families, and businesses affected by COVID-19, Greenbelt's ARPA programs have extended deadlines through the end of the year for grants and other assistance.

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

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report. She noted that in Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23: August 2022-July 2023) GCS's total income of \$14,262,083 is up 6 percent from last year. However, due to increased expenses, it had a net loss of \$150,243 and therefore did not make a payout of dividends to members.

Major expenditures in FY23 included a new point-of-sale system that allows better tracking of individual member purchases, a new accounting system and a new deli cooler.

Three grants were received in FY23 and a fourth came in FY24, a \$40,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act. Also, a \$28,000 donation to GCS has come for FY24.

General Manager's Report

Gillotte noted that there are monthly promotions for members and a weekly email to members who have signed up for it.

Produce Manager Teddy Lawrence has been growing relations with local farmers, making things like a locally-sourced Thanksgiving dinner possible.

GCS has been investing in physical infrastructure, employee training and employee retention initiatives.

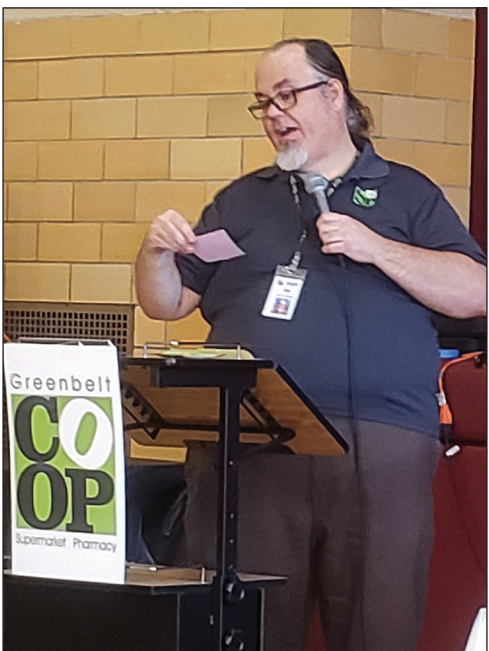
GCS is also taking initiatives to become a better environmental steward. This includes using more sustainable receipt paper that doesn't have a plastic core and providing handled paper bags in preparation for the municipal plastic bag ban that will go into effect January 1, 2024.

Shoplifting has been an issue prompting a policy to only allow clear backpacks into the store. But Gillotte noted that store shoplifting was mostly done by teenagers and he did not want to use too heavy a hand in responding. In contrast, the three robberies of the pharmacy were done by professionals. The best response to these robberies was to carry smaller supplies of the drugs these professionals look for.

Vested Membership Plan

Board president Jones presented GCS's plan to move more members to vested status.

Historically, the GCS has identified two broad membership categories: (1) voting members who paid \$100 in membership fees and hence can vote at membership meetings and (2) subscribing members who have paid at least \$10 but less than \$100 in membership fees.



Co-op General Manager Dan Gillotte

PHOTO BY ERIK HANSON

A handout shared with attendees stated: "Virtually all other food co-ops have much more costly memberships than GCS. This is not because they are greedy but because they understand that fundamentally membership is OWNERSHIP, and that part of an owner's responsibility is to properly capitalize their business. Our board and management feel like an adjustment in our membership policies will be greatly beneficial to GCS now and into the future."

The plan is to reinforce this concept of full vested membership so that members will either be vested (having paid their full \$100 membership fee) or vesting (making \$10 monthly payments until they reach their full \$100 membership). Only vesting and vested members will receive member rewards. Gillotte said GCS has about 2,100 fully vested voting members and about 5,000 active members total.

Board Election

Three candidates, Sarah Rusk, Steven Bernheisel and Leonard Wallace, ran for and were elected to the three available board seats. Rusk and Bernheisel are continuing members; Wallace is new to the board.

Problem-Solving

Members took part in an activity where they broke into small groups of about 10, brainstormed the biggest problems facing the Co-op in the next 10 to 20 years and then came up with a solution to one of these problems. Solutions presented included: setting aside reserves for equipment replacement, advertising on Greenbelt Road, promoting Roosevelt Center overall as a destination, advertising in the University of Maryland student paper, publishing favorable price comparisons with competing stores and drawing in younger members.

Annual Fundraiser On November 19

The annual fundraiser for the Michael D. Maxwell, Jr. Foundation for Mental Awareness, postponed due to the pandemic, is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 at the Greenbelt American Legion. There will be great food, a live band, giveaways, silent auctions, the famous Face Paint Lady and an opportunity to visit with the community. Tickets (\$25 per person) can be purchased by contacting the Foundation at michaelmaxwelljrfoundation@gmail.com.

Greenbelt Orchestra Free Concert Nov. 19

The newly formed Greenbelt Community Orchestra will give its first concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 19 at the Community Center. They will perform music by Mozart, Weber and Elgar, as well as an original composition by one of the conductors. The concert is free and is expected to last about an hour. All are welcome. Visit greenbeltorchestra.org



RUAK Wins 2023 Jim Cassels Community Service Award

by Donna Hoffmeister

At the annual meeting of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket this past Saturday, November 4, Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) received the Jim Cassels Community Service Award. The award, initiated in 2006 to commemorate the legacy of Jim Cassels and his commitment to community service, recognizes people who make significant contributions to the Greenbelt community. This year the \$1,500 award goes to RUAK, which is known for various community projects, including the HUG walk, cookies on the bridge, Greenbelt Plogs and PORCH.

The Cassels Award specifically supports RUAK's ongoing initiative, the Bilingual Pre-K Story Hour, which began in October 2022. This program, aimed at promoting early literacy among children aged from birth to 5 years old, takes place on the second Friday of every month at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Greenbelt Library staff lead the children in a delightful mix of storytelling, dancing, singing and language lessons on colors and numbers in both English and Spanish, designed to engage young minds and foster their development. The remaining time



PHOTO BY JUDY GOLDBERG-STRASSLER

Jeff Cassels, left, son of Jim Cassels, presents a \$1,500 check to Robert Goldberg-Strassler, executive director of RUAK.

is dedicated to socializing, snacking and free play, creating an environment where children can learn, play and grow. In addition, a social worker from Greenbelt CARES provides families with essential support and guidance, ensuring they have access to necessary resources.

Robert Goldberg-Strassler, RUAK's executive director, aims to add sign language to the early literacy program for increased inclusivity. The Cassels Award

will fund essential supplies and snacks for the program for the next 12 months, benefiting 24 to 30 children each month. During the award presentation, Jeff Cassels, the son of Jim Cassels, spoke about how proud his father would be of RUAK's efforts. By emphasizing the importance of early literacy RUAK's Bilingual Pre-K Story Hour initiative will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the community.

Diaper Distribution

The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Parent(s) must present:

- Proof of Greenbelt residency (mail from federal, state or local government agency) displaying the parent's name and residential address,
- State-issued photo ID,
- Each child's birth certificate.

This program is open to Greenbelt residents only. Signing up each month is required.

To access the signup page, go to the city website (greenbeltmd.gov), scroll down to NEWS and click on November Emergency Diaper Distribution. For more information, call Brendy Garcia at 240-424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Trail Talk

The Annual Greenbelt Community Development Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 202 of the Community Center. The featured speaker will be Jeff Lemieux talking about the Greenbelt East Trail and the grant that he has obtained for implementing it.



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Lois Rosado visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta in October.

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In Last Meeting Before Election Council Tackles Varied Topics

by Michael Zeliff

The Greenbelt City Council met on Monday, October 23, with all seven members in attendance. On the agenda were illegal dumping, legislative priorities and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

City Manager Josué Salmerón noted that the recent Fall Festival in Greenbelt attracted more than 1,000 people. Mayor Emmett Jordan praised those who helped Greenbelt win yet another sustainability title to add to its successes in 2014, 2017 and 2020. Jordan singled out city staff members Luisa Robles and Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll for their work on this effort.

Illegal Dumping

Council addressed the growing problem of illegal dumping in Greenbelt, especially at Northway Fields and also at the recycling site near Greenbelt Lake. The city spends thousands of dollars every year disposing of this waste. Public Works proposed that Greenbelt purchase a camera on a trailer at a price of \$31,000 for surveillance.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts worried that if Greenbelt cracks down on illegal dumping, perpetrators might pour used oil and chemicals into streams or down gutters. Carpenter-Driscoll noted that Maryland is actually responsible for oil collection and the city only provides space for state barrels. Roberts wondered if dumpers might vandalize a camera sitting visibly on a trailer and suggested that wildlife cameras mounted in trees might work better. Director of Public Works Willis Shafer explained that the proposed camera will be able to photograph license plates. Furthermore, the city can integrate this with other technologies it employs. In spite of questions that also included privacy concerns when it comes to surveillance, council voted 6-1 to make this purchase, with Roberts opposing the proposal.

Legislative Priorities

In preparation for a Maryland Municipal League meeting of district mayors, council listed six legislative proposals that included: making the homeowners and renters tax credit retroactive for eligible residents who missed previous deadlines, requiring the state to notify municipalities when businesses obtain tax abatements that will reduce government revenues, re-examining the Juvenile Justice Act to ensure that juvenile offenders are handled effectively, and giving local governments zoning authority. To these proposals Jordan added Greenbelt's continued opposition to construction of the maglev train project and to widening the Beltway.

ARPA Funds

Discussion of the status of ARPA funding received by the city centered on how much funding had been allocated, how much remained and how much might be reallocated, keeping in mind that the city could lose these funds if not used. Several speakers urged continued support to assist renters in avoiding eviction. They observed that evictions reflect negatively on the city as well as demoralizing the families. Jordan proposed that council hold a special worksession on ARPA funding issues in the near future.

Proclamations Plus

After a moment of silence to honor by name those from Greenbelt who had died since the last council meeting and to remember victims of the current Middle East war, Jordan presented a number of proclamations, one celebrating the 20th anniversary of Greenbelt's commitment to keep its Forest Preserve wild but viable. Jordan presented the city's proclamation to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and praised its activism.

Council at this time also acknowledged the Community Grant Program that works with members of Congress to submit 15 proposals, all of which are generally approved. The program will sponsor a webinar in early December and the House Appropriations Committee website provides guidance from the past on applying for grants. Another proclamation recognized Maryland Economic Week, which occurred October 23 to 27.

The Greenbelt Business Alliance met in Greenbelt Cinema on October 11, with over 40 people attending. The purpose is to encourage long-term growth, enhance skills and bring jobs to this area and the whole state through networking, socializing and mentoring. Those interested should visit the Alliance's website for more information at greenbeltbusinessalliance.org.

Another, similar program recognized by council was Main Street Maryland from the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Completing its 25th year, Main Street Maryland provides revitalization strategies in order to strengthen economic potential. The city hopes to make Roosevelt Center more appealing, accessible and user friendly as a part of this program. Municipalities can become program affiliates in this program at no cost and may obtain grants of \$10,000.

Roberts worried that improvements might lead to higher rents and force some small businesses out of Roosevelt Center, as was the case when downtown Silver Spring was revitalized. Others with businesses now in the Center felt that the grants might prove helpful.

Jordan also issued a proclamation acknowledging that October is National Blindness Awareness Month. A spokesperson noted that one in three individuals 65 or older has serious vision problems and Prince George's County offers no direct services, so it must send its citizens needing assistance to other counties.



Greenbelt Makerspace Sewing Machine Class
Sun, Nov. 19 at 1 pm
Learn how to use your sewing machine or one borrowed from the Tool Library (open Sat. 10-12, Sun. 11am-1pm)
tools.greenbeltmakers.org

MAD Returns to Live Shows With A Little Night Music

by Carol Griffith

Kudos to Goddard's Music and Drama Club (MAD) on its first live in-person show since the pandemic began. The current production of the musical A Little Night Music by Stephen Sondheim is a real treat for those who have missed MAD's excellent shows for the past few years.

Suspend your modern views of love and marriage and step back to the early 20th century in a European country for this light-hearted, witty romp. Past lovers Desiree, a famous actress, and lawyer Frederik meet after many years by coincidence – or maybe not coincidentally – and their story fuels this wistful, funny story of finding one's true love in unexpected places, or maybe nearby all along.

Sondheim's famously complex music and lyrics are done justice by wonderful acting and singing. The orchestra, conducted by Christine Wells, is superb. Cathy Barth as Desiree sings the best-known song of the show, Send in the Clowns, with just the right tone of poignancy. Add in great costumes and A Little Night Music is a very polished production.



PHOTO BY TERRY NGUYEN

From left, Ashley Greeley (Anne Egerman), Mike Marshall (Frederik Egerman) and Cathy Barth (Desiree Armfeldt) perform in A Little Night Music.

MAD notes that there is a very brief scene of a character attempting but quickly failing to hang himself which may be upsetting to some viewers. Otherwise, the show is appropriate for older teens.

A Little Night Music will play on the Fridays of November 10 and 17; Saturday, November 11;

Thursday, November 16 at 8 p.m.; and on Sunday, November 12 at 2:30 p.m. The MAD theater is located at Goddard's Bea and Barney Recreation Center on Good Luck Road. Tickets must be bought in advance at madtheater.org and shown to the guard at the gate. There are no ticket sales at the door.



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

On Saturday, November 4, Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, offered a spaghetti dinner and entertainment for a night of community fun. Actors staged an original play written by Amy Hansen, and the musicians offered a good variety of standards, covers and original songs. The entertainment crew were, from left, Mark and Liisa Granfors-Hunt, Tom Gill, Vicki Vidos, Keith Johnson, Rachel Alexander, Amy Hansen, Tom Davey and Wei-Der Huang. GCC also accepted donations for Help By Phone. The evening raised \$1,500.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors on November 16, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on September 21, 2023
- b) Member Complaint Matters
- c) Financial Matters

GDC Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. – open to members and visitor

- a) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on June 1, 2023
- b) Review of Preliminary GDC 2024 Budget- 1st Reading
- c) GDC Property Management Agreement 2024
- d) Review GDC 3rd Quarter Financial Statements

GHI Open Meeting – starts after the GDC Open Meeting ends - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on November 16, 2023
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 21, 2023
- c) Dissolution of the Transition and Search Committee
- d) Proposed 2024 GHI Operating Budget – 2nd Reading
- e) Review GHI 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
- f) Motion to hold a Closed Meeting on December 7, 2023

Members and visitors who wish to attend the open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcu6srTwvH9NVcuUO7UapG_xV449g-NGx

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

School News

New STEM Programs Come To Greenbelt Middle School

by Lois Rosado

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) is adding additional Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs beginning in January 2024. These programs will focus on aerospace, cybersecurity, Python coding and application development.

The school will partner with Patriots Technology Training Center, a nonprofit organization, headed by Thurman Jones, that will offer aerospace and cybersecurity after-school workshops to students. The center is 25 years old, and has worked with students in elementary, middle and high schools, including Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Goals for the Patriots program include: exposure to aerospace and cybersecurity careers and other STEM careers in biology, chemistry and math while fostering healthy competition between and among students. By April, Jones plans to take 30 to 40 students along with chaperones to the Aerospace Summit at Joint Base Andrews. The Aerospace and Cybersecurity Summit is open to all middle and high school students throughout Maryland. Jones hopes a few students

from the GMS program will not only attend but compete at the venue. The last goal of this program is to encourage participants to research and write articles about various STEM careers and to have those articles published on the Patriots website, Facebook and/or in local or school papers.

Future Engineers

The Amazon Future Engineer Program coming to GMS, as described by Amazon, is designed to be a “Comprehensive childhood-to-career program aimed at increasing access to computer science education for students from underserved and under-represented communities.” The Amazon program includes teacher training and certification. The school worked with BCAUSEICAN (bcauseican.net) to secure the Amazon Future Engineer Program.

This organization is a technology teaching organization headed by Ron Nicholson. It assisted GMS in applying for the Amazon Future Engineer Program. According to Joan Jackson, the community coordinator for GMS, two of the school’s technology teachers plan to become certi-

fied in this program and will then incorporate the Amazon Future Engineer Program into their Computer Discovery courses during the school day.

BCAUSEICAN is located in Greenbelt and was started by a group of computer scientists and electrical engineers who noticed an under-representation of African Americans and Hispanics in the STEM workforce. Former college roommates, they felt compelled to create a nonprofit focused on technology in order to increase opportunities for under-represented populations to work in STEM careers.

According to Nicholson, under-representation has pocketbook implications because STEM jobs offer higher earnings compared with those in non-STEM fields. Students of color are not as likely to be exposed to STEM, missing out on opportunities for a more lucrative career. Furthermore, STEM education has been shown to improve critical thinking, logic, analysis and problem-solving skills, while building self-confidence and computer expertise.

After-School Coding

Beginning in January, BCAUSEICAN will also teach Python coding on STEM Wednesdays after school to GMS students. Python is the primary coding language used in artificial intelligence, cyber security and gaming as well as in most new applications. By learning how to use this language, students can create their own applications giving them valuable experience for future positions in the technology job market.

Springhill Lake Students Take Field Trip to Rec Center



Third graders from Springhill Lake Elementary enjoyed a walking field trip to Springhill Lake Recreation Center in October to do arts workshops with Recreation staff. They learned the Wild Rumpus flash mob dance from Lisa Pellitierre and made decorative headdresses with Nicole DeWald and Amanda Larsen. Funding for the field trip came from Anacostia Trails Heritage Area and Maryland State Arts Council.



- Photos by Anne Gardner

Fruit and Music

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Music Department is bringing back its annual Fresh Fruit Sale. This fundraiser has historically been very popular in the community. Despite the several-year hiatus from fruit sales, the school’s new band director, Cullen Waller, has been receiving calls from longtime supporters of the initiative requesting its return.

The last day to order fruit is Sunday, November 19. Waller intends to use proceeds from the fruit sale to fund private lessons and clinics for the school’s instrumental students at no cost to the families. The Music Department invites everyone to join them for their collaborative Winter Music Concert on December 14 at 7 p.m.

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14 DAYS TIL' THANKSGIVING



New Display Commemorates Maryland Emancipation Day

by Leeann Irwin

During the month of November, the public is invited to visit the exhibit Celebrating Maryland Emancipation Day. The display, offered by members of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, is across from the front desk on the ground floor of the Community Center.

On November 1, 1864, Maryland's new state constitution made a life-altering change for all of us. All people who had been held in bondage within the boundaries of the state were freed. Maryland was one of the earliest states to abolish slavery.

On display are several books, including Days of Courage: The Little Rock Story, signed by Ernest Green (one of the children); Son of a Slave: A Black Man's Journey in White America, a memoir by Daniel R. Smith, Jr., a Marylander; and Dreams from My Father by Barack Obama. Maya Angelou's momentous reading of her poem written for the Inauguration of President Bill Clinton resounds as one reads



Maryland Emancipation Day showcase at the Community Center

the signed copy, boldly framed. A multicolored quilt in the monkey wrench design reminds viewers of the many tools and creativity used by people escaping slavery. Dolls from the U.S. and other parts of the world bring alive the intimacy of children's play. Dotting the case are postcards of

famous women and scenes from America in the 20th century. Look for upcoming events, exhibits and lectures sponsored by Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee. For more information email blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.

Maryland Emancipation Day Commemorated at Cinema



Questions and answers after the showing of Descendant

On Saturday November 4, in commemoration of Maryland Emancipation Day, Greenbelt Cinema hosted a special free screening of Descendant, sponsored by RUAK, Greenbelt Recreation and the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee.

Descendant follows filmmaker Margaret Brown (The Order of Myths, The Great Invisible) as she returns to her hometown of Mobile, Ala., to document the search for and historic discovery of The Clotilda, the last known ship to arrive in the U.S. illegally carrying enslaved Africans. After a century of secrecy and speculation, the 2019 discovery of the ship turns attention toward the descendant community of Africatown and presents a moving portrait of a community actively grappling with and fighting to preserve their heritage while examining what justice looks like today.

After the film guests enjoyed a Q&A with special guest speakers Mélisande Short-Colomb, a second descendant from the 272 enslaved people sold by the Jesuits to save Georgetown University, and Evelyn Milton, one of The Clotilda descendants.

Ladies Auxiliary Sale

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Road. Come help support the fire department and ladies auxiliary. Refreshments, as well as homemade baked goods, will be available for purchase. Tables are available to rent. See the classified ad for details.

Masks are not required but may be worn if desired. The fire hall is handicapped accessible.

At the Library

The Greenbelt Library will be closed on Friday, November 10 through Sunday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays; noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays.

Storytimes

Monday, November 13, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9191100.

Wednesday, November 15, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Join in for stories, fingerplays and more to celebrate Native American and Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9194701.

Talk Health

Monday, November 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. University of Maryland School of Nursing students conduct free health screenings, referrals, health education and a class for adults this final week on Stress Management. Go to pgcmls.info/event/9057415 for the schedule.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, November 15, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9189203.

Ride and Read

Thursday, November 16, 11 a.m., ages 16+. Get some physical activity while at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on a stationary bike with great free apps from PGCMLS such as Libby, Kanopy and Freegal to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and wear loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9454800.

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also serves other cities and communities, says Salmerón. There are a number of youths traveling into our city from surrounding areas via public transportation. Most youth positively engage in the community, visiting the youth and recreation centers and friends, but a few commit crimes in Greenbelt causing increases in youth crime statistics. An example would be recent carjackings or thefts that have taken place in Greenbelt but the vehicles and sometimes the perpetrators turn up in nearby cities.

Recreation

After meeting with Director of Recreation Greg Varda, Salmerón learned that Greenbelt's Recreation Department serves a lot of residents, which speaks positively to the quality of the programs being offered. Yet, he thinks transportation needs to be enhanced to enable more residents to engage in recreation programs offered in the city center, or for Recreation to offer programming tailored to all areas of the city. It is a conundrum that he thinks will require research, discussion and planning.

Supporting Youth, Families

Salmerón is impressed with the degree of services offered to city residents through CARES and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program that assist at-risk youth and help maintain families and elders of Greenbelt. American Rescue Plan Act funds, some of which are supervised through CARES, add a lot of value to the community, he said, noting they were used to resolve issues impacting residents like rent and health subsidies, especially during the Covid pandemic.

Financial Outlook

Salmerón is joining city staff during a time of financial stability. After a review of the city's finances with City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon, he learned that Greenbelt has 7 percent more revenue than budgeted this year. Expenses ended 4 percent below budget. He was pleased that the city spent less than expected and is in a strong financial position.

DEI

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) work is just beginning, and as part of that work the city manager's office will be updating employment policies to help attract and retain talent for future city growth. He is pleased to have staff who have been employed for 25 to 30 years as they provide stability to various city agencies. New staff bring different perspectives, and Salmerón's goal is to merge past traditions with new innovations to strengthen city operations.

Working with Council

In meeting with members of the Greenbelt City Council, Salmerón noted that the city manager's vision and goals have to align to those of council in order for both entities to be in sync. This alignment can only serve

to strengthen operations and services for city residents. Following the November city election, new councilmembers will take the seat vacated mid-term by Colin Byrd and the seat occupied by the retiring Judith Davis, so Salmerón will be working with a new council.

Finding a Place

As for Salmerón's house search, he recently purchased a home in GHI. His children currently bike to school in Ohio and he wants to maintain their family lifestyle, living in and engaging with their community as much as possible.

Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. There will be no meeting on November 22, the day before Thanksgiving when many members are cleaning and cooking. Greenbelt residents aged 60 years and older are eligible to join the club.

November 15, Celebrate November birthdays. Bring a lunch and maybe a dessert to share.

November 29, Dhruvi Patel, senior agent for Family and Consumer Services, UM, will discuss diabetes.

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Twenty-seven Additional Trees Planted in GHI’s Open Spaces

by Melissa Sites



From left, Alyssa Sickles, Brian McGillen and Helen Sickles plant a tree.

Twenty-seven trees have recently been planted in six different locations around GHI (Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) thanks to the combined efforts of nearly 30 volunteers and GHI staff, supported by a grant from the City of Greenbelt. Early in 2023, the city announced an opportunity to submit grant proposals in support of Greenbelt’s tree canopy. GHI resident Catherine Plaisant volunteered to draft a proposal to plant trees in GHI open spaces. Many GHI trees are aging or have been lost in recent storms.

A draft for a \$7,000 grant proposal moved forward in April with the approval of the GHI Woodlands Committee and Eldon Ralph, then general manager. GHI staff would check the proposed planting locations.

Grant requirements included minimum tree size, selection from approved lists of native tree species and a maintenance plan. Cost sharing was required, to be fulfilled by volunteer hours. The proposed locations were selected to satisfy many constraints, including required distance from houses and sidewalks, adequacy for the tree’s mature size and form, soil condition, access, attractiveness and contribution to the city’s tree canopy plan. “There are areas in the GHI open spaces where trees will not pose any threat to houses and that’s where we planted,” Plaisant pointed out. Some open spaces around GHI are actually owned by the City of Greenbelt.

The grant was awarded in late August. Plaisant stated, “Since the proposal was quite detailed

and volunteer leaders had already identified planting areas, we could proceed quickly and order the trees.” After some delays involving permissions and hidden utility lines, GHI staff dug holes for the trees. Racing against time due to an impending tropical storm, volunteers sprang into action to plant their trees, water them, support them with stakes and spread mulch. Newly planted trees need water, so volunteers were instructed to bring five gallons per tree once a week (about two full medium-size watering cans), except in case of very heavy rain. Continued watering during dry spells increases young trees’ chances of survival.

“Catherine did an amazing job organizing the whole thing,” said Ben Fischler, chair of the GHI Woodlands Committee, “plus the amazing work of the teams of volunteers.” Plaisant in turn gives credit to Bill Phelan, GHI member and arborist at the National Arboretum, who helped select the tree species, recommended planting locations and trained the volunteer leaders. GHI made many adjustments, so not all trees were sited according to plan, but eventually all were planted. Plaisant stated, “We tried to add diversity to the species that are found in GHI right now. We included the willow oak (less susceptible to diseases than other oaks), but also bald cypress, sweet bay magnolia (good for small areas), black gum, yellowwood (a medium-size tree with white flowers), disease resistant elms and Kentucky coffee tree.”



Volunteers plant trees on GHI open space near the Greenbelt Museum as part of the tree planting project. Pictured are Alyssa Sickles and Brian McGillen pulling a tree from its pot for planting. Calvert Sickles and Molly McGillen help shovel dirt into the hole.

- Photos by Caitlyn McGillen

Work of Greenbelt Photographer, Air Force Veteran Showcased

by Meredith Beeg, Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary has been partnering with the Veterans Administration (VA) Health Care System to co-sponsor the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival since 2000. Its goal is to give veterans who receive health care from a VA medical facility an opportunity to showcase their creative talents in a sort of arts Olympics. Winning entries received at the local medical center go on to the National Organization for further judging. Then, national winners are invited to participate in the week-long National Festival held in various cities in the spring. Members of the Greenbelt Unit have participated in this activity since the beginning of the Auxiliary’s involvement, meeting many talented veterans along the way.

One of these, Air Force veteran and Greenbelt resident Barbara Gilbert, has been a participant since 2014 and last year was invited to participate in the National Festival in St. Louis with her winning painting in the paint-by-number category. A talented photographer, Gilbert is hoping she will join the winners circle again this year with one of her photo entries. In September, the Maryland VA Health Care System showcased their veteran entries at the Maryland State Fair, including Gilbert’s painting entitled Those That Have Gone Before Us. Members of the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary, who were volunteering at the State Fair Showcase, requested Gilbert’s piece for use in this year’s Veterans Day reminders (see page 11).

American Legion Hosts Greenbelt Concert Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band will perform at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road, at the intersection of Lakecrest and Greenbelt Road.

The band will be playing some movie themes, musicals and cartoon favorites. For more information visit greenbeltconcertband.org and click on Performances.



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Greenbelter Barbara Gilbert with her prize-winning artwork at the State Fair in September



The painting Those That Have Gone Before Us by Greenbelt veteran and artist Barbara Gilbert



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Greenbelt Police Department reported one incident with Child Protective Services notified, six domestic disputes including one leading to a mental health diversion and one sexual assault.

A missing person case from November 5 near 9100 Edmonston Road was resolved.

Armed Robbery

On November 1 at 12:11 p.m. near 7501 Greenway Center Drive, a man wearing a ski mask approached a woman sitting in her car, displayed a handgun and demanded the woman's money. The suspect took the money and fled on foot.

Assault

On October 31 at 4:01 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a man saw multiple juveniles smoking in the vestibule, and when he confronted them, they knocked him to the ground and struck him. They then punctured the front tire of his sister's vehicle.

Burglary

On October 31 at 9:55 a.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a man found his front door damaged, his residence ransacked and multiple items stolen.

On October 31 at 3:07 p.m. near 12 Plateau Place, someone came into a man's home, stole food from the refrigerator and threw his clothes on the floor while he was sleeping. The man never heard anyone enter or leave the residence, and there were no signs of forced entry.

DUI Arrest

On October 30 at 7:46 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive, a two-vehicle accident led to the arrest of one driver.

Fraud

On October 31 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a caller fraudulently claimed to be a relative in need of money. On November 2 near 32 Crescent Road and near 114 Hedgewood Drive, personal checks were altered.

Lost Property

On October 31 near 7500 Mandan Road, a Washington, D.C., correctional officer badge was reported lost.

Theft

On November 2 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a man moving out of his residence could not locate his firearm, last seen in 2012. On November 3 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a purse was stolen. On November 5 near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a package was missing after delivery.

Commercial Theft

On October 30 at 2:45 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a man and woman stole around \$1,000 worth of meat. On October 31 at 11:06 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole multiple clothing items; at 3:08 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, two men stole three cakes and three boxes of diapers; and at 3:39 p.m. near 7429 Greenbelt Road, two men stole miscellaneous merchandise. On November 1 at 12:24 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, three juveniles were caught leaving a store with stolen merchandise; they were banned and released to their parents, and the store is filing charges. On November 1 at 8:14 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a Black man wearing a black jacket with blue jeans and

a Black woman wearing a pink/green hoodie with blue jeans stole approximately eight jackets. On November 3 at 5:11 p.m. near 7429 Greenbelt Road, two women stole a pair of jeans. On November 4 at 5:34 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man caught stealing was detained and banned. On November 5 at 8:04 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, a man placed items into bags and left the store.

**Vehicle Crimes
Stolen Vehicles**

Three vehicles were stolen this week: on November 2 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a white 2007 Ford Econoline (Md. 7DX9345); November 3 near 9100 Springhill Court, a 2013 Nissan Altima (Md. 1EX4178); and near 6400 Ivy Lane, a

2020 white Honda Pilot (Ga. RVF8938).

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

Of four stolen vehicles recovered, three were Hyundais: on October 30 near Mandan Road and Mathew Street, a stolen Hyundai Elantra from Seat Pleasant was recovered; on October 31 near 6025 Springhill Drive, a 2019 Chevrolet Camaro was recovered with a damaged window; on November 1 near Ivy Lane and Hedgewood Drive, a stolen 2016 Elantra was found in the woodline with a broken window and ignition damage; and November 5 near 6305 Ivy Lane, another stolen Hyundai was found with a damaged window and ignition.

Attempted Vehicle Theft

On October 31 near 5900

Cherrywood Lane, officers observed a vehicle with its rear window smashed out, with the suspect still inside the vehicle. When officers approached, the man ran away.

Theft from Auto

Tags were stolen on November 2 near 6100 Breezewood Court (Md. 4ET8437), and near 7400 Morrison Drive, a rear tag (Del. YA256650); and on November 4 near 9100 Springhill Lane, Virginia tags were stolen.

On November 4 near 6401 Ivy Lane, wheels/tires were stolen from three vehicles.

On November 4 near 6301 Golden Triangle Drive, police observed a vehicle with its window shattered and multiple clothing items lying outside; the owner could not be reached.

Vehicle Vandalism

On October 30 near 9100 Edmonston Road, a vehicle's windows were broken and near 1 Parkway, a vehicle had both rear tires slashed. On October 31 near 7200 South Ora Court, a Kia had a broken window and ignition damage. On November 4 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a Mitsubishi had a damaged window.



“Those That Have Gone Before Us”



Artwork by veteran artist Barbara Gilbert

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McKinney the sixth).

First Woman of Color

McKinney will be the first woman of color to serve on council. “I am humbled and honored to be the first,” McKinney said Tuesday night. After waiting hours at the firehouse for the results, Pompei, who, like McKinney, was running for council for the first time, was moved to tears by the results. “I’m really looking forward to serving on council,” said Pompei.

Drawn-out Count

Several challengers and some incumbents had anxiously waited for the results. The screens at the firehouse displayed “Votes Are In” almost an hour before they were announced. Ric Gordon, who lost a bid for Council in 2017 before winning a seat in 2021, was particularly nervous. He noted that while Jordan and some others had gone through this many times, it was the first re-election campaign for him and Weaver. Part of the delay appeared to be difficulty in getting machines to read a small number of the ballots and then, after the announcement that votes were in, a rechecking of the numbers.

Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Jordan’s tally of 2024 votes (assuming tradition is followed and he is elected by his fellow councilmembers) will retain the position of mayor. Weaver was again the second highest vote-getter, with 1,743 and, in the same vein, may be expected to be elected mayor pro tem.

Referendum Question

Also on the ballot was a question about non-citizen voters, asking if residents of Greenbelt who are not citizens should be allowed to vote. The overwhelm-



Jenni Pompei, left, and Danielle McKinney were elected to Greenbelt City Council on Tuesday, making it a woman-majority council for the coming term.

ing response from voters was in favor, with almost twice as many in favor as opposed (1,580 yes to 793 no). Though the referendum was non-binding, it will inform the council’s decision on the matter, as the vote in favor of lowering the voting age to 16 did in the last election. “There’ll be a whole new group of voters in 2025,” commented Gordon.

Candidate	Total Votes
Emmett Jordan	2,024
Kristen Weaver	1,743
Ric Gordon	1,725
Jennifer Pompei	1,683
Silke Pope	1,612
Danielle McKinney	1,583
Rodney Roberts	1,340
Matthew Inzeo	1,085
James Whipple	651
Moses Sekatawa	513
Bill Orleans	357

Voting Statistics

A total of 2,663 people voted in the election, up slightly from 1,458 voters in 2021 though the percentage of registered voters voting held almost steady from 17.8 percent in 2021 to 17.7 percent in this election. Of these, nearly 1,600 voted in person.

The new council will be sworn in at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening.

Election 2023

Sekatawa Remains on Ballot, Files Financial Report, Pays Fine

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

As the News Review reported last week, city council candidate Moses Sekatawa missed the October 27 deadline for candidates’ second interim financial reports but was able to remain on the ballot. Sekatawa, who had not been aware of the deadline, filed his report on November 1. He was fined \$200 (\$50 per day or partial day he did not file past the deadline), and paid the fine on November 3.

All candidates’ financial reports are linked from the city’s website (greenbeltmd.gov) under 2023 City Council Candidates, accessed by clicking on Government on the homepage and then Election Information.

Final contributions and expenditures reports are due this Friday, November 10.

Patuxent Refuge North Tract Open Sundays

Patuxent Research Refuge announced that the Refuge’s Visitor Information Station on the North Tract, and the North Tract itself, off Maryland Route 198, will be closed to all general visitation from Monday through Saturday but will remain open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome on Sundays to enjoy the Tract’s 20 miles of trails and wildlife viewing opportunities.

The temporary closure is in response to decreased staff capacity and public safety considerations. The Refuge’s North Tract contains both active firing ranges and potential unexploded ordnance as the land was formerly a military training ground. On Sundays, there is no hunting and firing ranges are inactive. Registered hunters possessing a valid permit issued through Meade Natural Heritage Association will be allowed to access the North Tract via the Hunt Control Station and those identified in a current Special Use Permit will not be impacted.

The Refuge welcomes visitors to continue to enjoy the environmental education, nature programs, exhibits, outdoor recreation trails and Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Images bookstore at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on the refuge’s South Tract. Descriptions of programs and opportunities are available at fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research.

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Katrina Boverman celebrated her birthday in Sedona, Ariz.



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Ben Greene and Raven Holm, now one whole year in Greenbelt, pose in front of the Sapporo Brewery in Hokkaido, Japan during their honeymoon.



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Development, who, as staff liaison to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), championed a minimalist approach to forest interventions in keeping with the Forest Preserve Ordinance which she helped to research and develop.

A Celebration

Beautiful handmade medallions were distributed to the honorees, along with certificates and descriptions highlighting their work to keep the woods wild and wooded. A special vegan cake, adorned with Peace in the Woods artwork by Greenbelt artist Paul Downs, was baked by Maria of Cedars of Lebanon for the occasion. A slideshow depicting more than three decades of community activism to protect the preserve kicked off the celebration. Local singer and songwriter Melissa Sites premiered her new song, I Love the Woods, just for this event. Sites also made celebratory buttons that were given to each honoree.

Steeped in History

Downs, president of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, spoke about the early history of the campaign to Save the Green Belt that began in 1987 when headlines in the Greenbelt News Review alerted the community that their beloved Great North Woods, which at that time was privately owned, was slated for development.

Greenbelt’s cherished annual Pumpkin Walk, now in its 35th year, was started in 1988 by Downs and other committee members to promote the campaign’s theme of Keep It Wooded by inviting people to have a great time enjoying the woods. Downs’ humorous accounts of the walk’s early years, which included bloodthirsty zombies, were a memorable highlight of the program.

For 16 years, the committee organized petition drives that would repeatedly fill council chambers, raising awareness through elaborate Labor Day booths and floats. Barnett noted that since the 1960s, groups have defended the forest from threats that targeted the woods as a site for housing, school buildings, ballfields and, most recently, the proposed maglev train, something the committee describes as a dragon of a threat occurring at the federal level.

The celebration committee presented Certificates of Recognition to several groups and individuals who have advocated to protect the Green Belt, and Barnett delivered informative remarks about the honorees.

Exceptional Leadership: Judith Davis

Councilmember and former mayor Judith Davis, who was unable to be present, was rec-



Forest cake made by Maria at Cedars of Lebanon

ognized for three decades of exceptional leadership, during which she was instrumental in crafting the ordinance that passed to protect the woods, establishing the FPAB and expanding the preserve with the addition of Belle Pointe, Boxwood, Greenbriar and Sunrise Preserves. Accepting the award on Davis’s behalf was Neil Williamson.

Mindful Stewardship: FPAB

FPAB was recognized for “Mindful Stewardship” for their focused and intentional approach to the gentle and necessary care of the forest to ensure its continued health and protection. Donna Hoffmeister, FPAB co-chair, accepted the award, which praised FPAB’s Master Trail Plan, approved in 2023, forest expansion and community outreach.

Unique Advocacy: MCRT

The Unique Advocacy by an Organization award was given to recognize the Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit (MCRT) for what the committee described as heroic efforts to build a coalition and seek out every opportunity to stop the “potentially devastating and wasteful use of money and nature” that is the maglev “dragon.”

Unique Advocacy: Individuals

Three individuals were recognized for this award.

Catherine Plaisant, a scientist, avid nature photographer and hiking enthusiast, is currently the co-leader on several scientific research projects in the forest. Plaisant produced Walking the Maglev Path, a YouTube video that illustrates how the forest would be decimated by the maglev. The video won 2021’s best community video from GATe (Greenbelt Access Television).

Damien Ossi, a wildlife biologist, avid hiker and founding member of Greenbelt Biota, the community’s naturalist club, was recognized for his work as FPAB co-chair for five years. During that time, he skillfully and diplomatically led the board through several major achievements to protect the wild character and preserve the

health of the forest as well as fight the maglev.

Owen Kelley, who says he looks at the forest with the eye of a scientist, was also recognized for his work with FPAB, along with the unique scientific studies of trees and resources he has developed: an artistic trail map, his book A Hundred Wild Things: A Field Guide to Plants in the Greenbelt North Woods (2019) and his publication Ridership Revisited: The Official Ridership Forecast for the Proposed Baltimore-Washington Maglev Is a Factor of Ten Too High (2020).

To learn more about the history of how the Green Belt was saved, see the October 17, 2013, issue of the Greenbelt News Review.

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Book Club Accepting Greenbelt Members

The Book Club of the College Park Community Library is currently accepting new members from the Greenbelt area. Club members read one contemporary book each month, usually a novel with a historical or international setting. Upcoming selections include The Art Thief, Booth, The Book of Hope, Lady Tan’s Circle of Women: A Novel, Mad Honey: A Novel and The People of the Book. Meetings are on second Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Community Library in the Church of the Nazarene in College Park. Interested readers may email Joy Allchin at NJallchin@gmail.com.



Greenbelt artists and friends Sally Davies, above, and Chris Corson, below, were recently in Hawaii at the same time, but on different islands. Davis was on Kaua’i, visiting the McBryde & Allerton Gardens of the National Tropical Botanical Garden; Corson was at the Haleakalā Visitor Center, perched on the edge of the impressive volcanic valley within the Haleakala National Park on Maui.



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Sports

Girls, Boys Soccer Seasons End With Loss In State Quarterfinals After Regional Wins

by Ian Gleason

Entering the second half trailing 2-0 in their state quarterfinal with the Perry Hall Gators, the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders didn't waste time in applying pressure on the visiting team. Junior Alena Beckmann – playing her first game in over a month after suffering an ankle injury in the game against Bowie – reached the endline after outpacing the Gator defense. Instead of forcing a shot from a tough angle, Beckmann cut back and found teammates Gabriella Martinez and Jada Savage waiting in the six-yard box. Martinez redirected the ball to Savage, whose shot beat an array of defenders and the keeper to the near post. The remaining 30 minutes featured a back-and-forth battle that ultimately left the Raiders falling just short of their first state semi-final berth since 2018.

Perry Hall opened the scoring in the first half with a precise counterattack. The Raiders had several opportunities to score early on as Martinez and sophomore Claudia van der Have offered consistent pressure in the attacking third. While Perry Hall looked to attack through their left wing, the Raiders turned to Savage to break through the back line – and she nearly did, thwarted by several timely fouls. The Raiders did not capitalize on free kick opportunities in either half while the game's pace of play remained quick. Late in the second half, junior Sadie Swart threaded a through ball between two Perry Hall defenders that nearly led to the equalizing goal. The pass targeted Savage, but a Gator defender impeded her progress just enough to prevent a goal that could have forced overtime.

Despite the season-ending loss, the Raiders have much to be proud of, posting a 13-2-1 record, along with the first region championship since 2019. And although the boys team produced an inconsistent regular season, they too made a post-season run, defeating Parkdale 1-0 in a tense region final with the lone goal coming after a long throw from junior back Niles Brown slipped past the Panthers' keeper. The boys challenged the top seeded Northwestern Wildcats in the state quarterfinals but fell 2-0; Northwestern converted a second-half penalty kick before adding another goal late.

Both teams have raised the standard and they have the returning talent to advance even further next season. The boys return several key players including Brown and fellow juniors Cooper Baltimore and goalkeeper Steven Adams, while the girls return a host of midfielders and



ERHS boys soccer team after their 1-0 region final victory over Parkdale



Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders girls pose after their 5-0 win brought them the regional championship.

forwards including Martinez, Savage, Swart, Freeman and van der Have, along with junior keeper Nikki Lilja. The girls will miss senior defenders Angel Ngwane, Kaia Booker and Victoria Obisesan, along with fellow seniors Alicia Galban, Olivia Gills, Riley Rios and Azaria Muhammad. Perhaps fittingly, a beautiful sunset accompanied the Raiders' final game this autumn; however, the depth of the team and program will be sure to help replenish the Raider lineup next fall.

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Community Questionnaire 2023

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency - Type

☐ Apartment

☐ Townhouse

☐ Condominium

☐ GHI

☐ Detached Single Family Home
2. Residency - Neighborhood

☐ Greenbelt East (*East of Baltimore-Washington Parkway*)

☐ Greenbelt West (*West of Kennilworth Avenue*)

☐ Center City (*Between Kennilworth & B-W Parkway*)
3. Do You?

☐ Own

☐ Rent
4. Age

☐ Under 18

☐ 30-44

☐ 61-74

☐ 18-29

☐ 45-60

☐ 75+

5. How Many Years Have You Lived in Greenbelt?

☐ Less Than 1 Year

☐ 6-10 Years

☐ 21-30 Years

☐ 1-5 Years

☐ 11-20 Years

☐ More than 30 Yrs

6. Employment Status (*Check All That Apply*)

☐ Full-Time

☐ Part-Time

☐ Unemployed

☐ Retired

☐ Stay at Home Parent

☐ Work From Home

☐ Student

☐ Multiple Jobs

7. Where Do You Work?

☐ Greenbelt

☐ Prince George’s County

☐ Baltimore

☐ Washington, D.C.

☐ Montgomery County

☐ Other

8. Please Prioritize (1-3) Your Top Three Modes of Transportation

☐ Personal Automobile

☐ Metrorail

☐ Carpool/Vanpool

☐ MetroBus

☐ Bicycle

☐ TheBus

☐ Taxi/Uber/Lyft

☐ Walking

☐ Greenbelt Connection

☐ Other

CURRENT QUESTIONS

1. Do you value having a City-operated animal shelter? (Y/N) If so, would you support enhanced services such as a 24/7 answering service which might require additional staff/funding? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Are you interested in participating in the City’s Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion efforts? (Y/N) If yes, via:

☐ Town Hall

☐ Focus Group

☐ Survey

☐ Direct Contact

3. The City is in the process of acquiring the Greenbelt Armory. In your opinion, what would be the ideal purpose(s) or function(s) for this location?

☐ GVFD station

☐ New City Hall

☐ Recreation Facility

☐ Other:

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*)

☐ Police Presence

☐ Police Responsiveness

☐ Dispatcher Responsiveness

☐ Overall Police Performance

☐ Overall Police Employee Competence

☐ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Residents

☐ Animal Control

☐ Traffic Control

☐ Fire & Rescue

☐ Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concerns about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:

3. If you have contacted the police in the last 2 years, was the employee polite & courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Please list any suggestions for improving police services under “GENERAL COMMENTS - #5. Other Comments” (*located on far right*).

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*)

☐ Street Maintenance

☐ Street Lighting

☐ Street Cleaning

☐ Snow Removal

☐ Sidewalk Maintenance

☐ Crosswalks

☐ Park Maintenance

☐ Bike Lanes

☐ Refuse Collection

☐ Recycling

☐ Mowing/Flower/Tree Planting

☐ Building Maintenance

☐ Bus Stops

☐ Greenbelt Connection

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite & courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had contact with City Community Development/ Code Enforcement Staff (*Inspection, Permit, Tall Grass, Structure Complaint, etc*)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Was the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee polite & courteous? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Did the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily? ☐ Yes ☐ No

GREENBELT CARES/SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or your family utilized any of the services listed below (#3) in the last 2 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Did you know the City provides the services below? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. If yes, please rate your satisfaction with the services. (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*)

☐ Counseling (*Individual, family, or group*)

☐ Crisis Intervention Counseling

☐ Tutoring

☐ GED

☐ Job Bank

☐ Babysitting Workshop

☐ Assistance in Living (*GAIL*) Program

4. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following might you require:

☐ Online Advice & Support

☐ Home Modifications

☐ Activities for Homebound

☐ 1st Floor Bathroom

☐ Other:

5. How soon would you need these services?

☐ Now

☐ 1-3 Years

☐ 4-7 Years

☐ 8+ Years

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools they currently attend. (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*)

☐ Greenbelt Elementary

☐ Springhill Lake Elementary

☐ Dora Kennedy French Immersion

☐ Magnolia Elementary

☐ Greenbelt Middle School

☐ Eleanor Roosevelt High School

☐ Home Schooling

☐ Other:

2. Using the same scale in #1 above, please rate the Prince George’s County School System overall: ☐

3. Please rank the following statements. (*5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree*)

☐ The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools/educators

☐ The City should continue to advocate that Greenbelt students attend Greenbelt schools if they so choose.

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any City facilities which you or your family have used. (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*)

☐ Aquatics & Fitness Center

☐ Community Center

☐ Springhill Lake Recreation Center

☐ Youth Center

☐ Skate Park

☐ Youth Center

☐ Playgrounds

☐ Parks

☐ Athletic Fields

☐ Trails

☐ Other:

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any City activities which you or your family have attended. (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*)

☐ Fitness Classes

☐ Pre-School Classes

☐ Youth/Adult Classes

☐ Camp Programs

☐ Visual Art Programs

☐ Senior Programs

☐ Performing Art Programs

☐ Aquatic Programs

☐ Special Events (*Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, July 4th, Winter Lights Festival, Celebration of Spring, etc*)

☐ Other (Please Specify):

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household ae likely to attend within the next 2 years. (*Check all that apply*)

☐ Pre-School Activities

☐ Children’s Afternoon Activities

☐ Children’s Weekend Activities

☐ Children’s Drop-In Activities

☐ Home School/School Enrichment Activities

☐ Family Recreation Activities - Weekend

☐ Adult Classes or Leagues

☐ Senior Activities

☐ Drop-In Activities

☐ Special Events (*Examples #2 above*)

GREENBELT MUSEUM

1. Have you or a member of your household visited the museum or attended a museum activity in the past 2 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (*Please rate your use from 1-10, 1=top preference*)

☐ Greenbelt TV

☐ Greenbelt News Review

☐ Mail

☐ City Newsletter

☐ Email

☐ Facebook

☐ Greenbeltnmd.gov

☐ YouTube

☐ Washington Post

☐ WTOP (*Radio*)

☐ Local TV News

☐ Posters/Flyers

☐ Other:

2. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt’s efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*): ☐

3. Do you use the City’s website at www.greenbeltnmd.gov? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, what for?

☐ Watch Meetings

☐ Calendar

☐ Watch Videos

☐ Documents

☐ Other:

4. What services would you like to see on the City website?

5. Have you used the video streaming/on-demand section of the City website? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on the City’s Municipal Access channel over the past 2 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Do you watch the public access channel known as Greenbelt Access Television? (GATe) ☐ Yes ☐ No

CITY SERVICES AND TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? (*5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor*) ☐

2. Are City services fairly distributed throughout Greenbelt? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to:

☐ Maintain current City services/programs

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Increase City services/programs

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Provide fair compensation to employees

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Participate in green initiatives (*greenhouse gas reduction, solar power, battery powered equipment, etc*)

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. In general, should City services be (*choose one*)

☐ Kept at the Same Level

☐ Reduced

☐ Increased

5. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why?:

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt Community.

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.

3. What improvements to the City or new City programs would you suggest?

4. What improvements or new City programs could make mail-in voting process easier to use or entice you to use it next election?

5. Other Comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!